

**Lord Strathcona's Horse
(Royal Canadians)**



**THE TROOPING OF
THE GUIDON
CITY OF CALGARY PARADE
The Laying Up Of
The Old Guidon**

**Sarcee Barracks
CALGARY, Alberta**

**29 September 1970
30 September 1970**

DESCRIPTION OF THE REGIMENTAL CREST

Lord Strathcona's Coat of Arms, without supporters, being a shield surmounted by a maple tree inclined to the left, and half cut through by a beaver working at the base; in the chief a demilion rampant; in the centre a railroad spike and hammer crossed; in the base a canoe bearing a flag inscribed "NW", and containing four men; the whole surrounded by a riband which is encircled by a wreath of roses, thistles, shamrocks, and maple leaves, and inscribed "LORD STRATHCONA'S HORSE, ROYAL CANADIANS", surmounted by a scroll bearing the motto "PERSEVERANCE", and the whole surmounted by the Crown.

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Part One

The Trooping of the Guidon

The City of Calgary Parade



The Ceremonies of Trooping the Guidon The City of Calgary Parade Laying Up Of The Old Guidon

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The Trooping of the Guidon 1030 hrs 29 Sep 70.

The Regimental Guidon, "a sacred symbol of a soldier's duty to his Sovereign and to his Regiment", is taken on parade and displayed to soldiers and spectators that it may provide a memorial to the men of all ranks who served under it and to afford an inspiration for patriotic service and sacrifice to all who may behold it.

This is the first occasion this Guidon will be trooped on Canadian soil since its presentation to the Regiment on behalf of Her Majesty the Queen by Field Marshal Sir Richard Hull, GCB, DSO on the 26th of July 1968, in Fort Beausejour, ISERLOHN, The Federal Republic of Germany, when the Regiment was serving with 4 CMBG. This Guidon has emblazoned on it twenty-two battle honours; one from South Africa, 1900-1901, ten from World War I, ten from World War II, and one from Korea, 1950-53.

The City of Calgary Parade 1430 hrs 30 Sep 70.

The Freedom of the City stems from a medieval custom that entitles a Regiment to parade through a city with bayonets fixed, colours flying and drums beating. This gesture of trust extended to a military unit exemplifies the spirit of complete dependance and friendliness that should link the civilian and military citizens of all free nations.

The Regiment has been granted the Freedom of The City of Calgary in Oct 1965 and The Freedom of the City of Iserlohn, The Federal Republic of Germany, in May 1970.



City of Calgary



City of Iserlohn

The Regiment will renew its formal link with the City of Calgary that had been established during the recruiting for "Strathcona's Horse" in 1900 by exercising their right to the Freedom of the City as granted in Oct 1965.

The Laying Up Of The Old Guidon 1600 hrs 30 Sep 70.

The Regiment has in its possession two Guidons, the new guidon, presented in 1968 and the original, which was presented by the Governor General of Canada, the Right Honourable Earl of Bessborough, in Calgary on 17 Sep 1932. This Guidon has emblazoned on it eleven battle honours - South Africa 1900-1901 and ten battle honours of World War I.

With the presentation of the new Guidon 26 July 1968, the Old Guidon will be laid up in St. Stephen's Church, Calgary, for safekeeping.

The Inspecting Officer



John Walter Grant MacEwan, BSA, MS
Lieutenant-Governor of Alberta

John Walter Grant MacEwan was born in the farmland north of Brandon, Manitoba. He attended the Ontario Agricultural College, graduating in 1926. Later, he did post graduate work in agricultural science at Iowa State University.

He was Professor of Animal Husbandry and Farm Superintendent at The University of Saskatchewan and later accepted the post of the Dean of Agriculture of the University of Manitoba. He is widely known across Western Canada for public service, especially in judging livestock, writing, radio, lecturing and the conduct of fairs and exhibitions.

He served on the City Council in Calgary from 1953 until 1958 and in the Alberta Legislature from 1955 to 1959. He was returned as an alderman in the City of Calgary in 1959 and was named Mayor in June 1963 to complete the term of the former Mayor and was elected to the same office in October 1963.

He is a prolific author, being a regular contributor to various farm magazines and newspapers and has had fourteen books published to date.

The Honourable Grant MacEwan was appointed Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Alberta with effect from January 6, 1966.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal



Lord Strathcona was born in Forres, Morayshire in Scotland on 6 August 1820. Before accession to his title he was Donald Alexander Smith - a young man who emigrated to Canada in 1838 as an apprentice clerk in the Hudson's Bay Company.

During the subsequent 47 years Donald Smith was elected to Parliament: he became Chief Commissioner and the Land Commissioner of the Hudson's Bay Company; and because of his railway and financial interests he contributed significantly to the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1885 at Craigellachie in British Columbia he drove the golden spike which marked completion of the railway which helped bring about confederation. In the years that followed Donald Smith was knighted by the Queen, he was appointed High Commissioner in London, he became President of the Bank of Montreal, Governor of the Hudson's Bay Company, and Director of the Canadian Pacific Railway. In 1897 Sir Donald Smith was made a Peer of the Realm adopting the title Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal. On 13 January 1900 he founded a mounted regiment - Strathcona's Horse, which he raised and equipped for the campaign in South Africa.

Lord Strathcona died on 21 January 1914 at the age of 94 - a distinguished Canadian who had made an invaluable contribution to the economic, political and military development of Canada.

Colonel of the Regiment



Colonel J. M. McAvity, DSO, MBE

Colonel McAvity enlisted in the Second World War, served in Canada and Europe and joined the Strathcona's on 14 July 1943. He was appointed Second in Command on 25 May 1944 and assumed command in the rank of LT COL on 27 Jul 1945 and remained CO of the Regiment until 28 Nov 1945.

He is the author of "Strathcona's 39-45", and has maintained an active and close association with the Regiment and was appointed Colonel of the Regiment in June 1966.

Former Colonel of the Regiment



Brigadier General F. M. W. Harvey, VC, MC Croix de Guerre

Brigadier General Harvey transferred to the Strathcona's in 1916, following previous service with the 13 CMR.

For most conspicuous bravery and devotion to duty on 27 March 1917 at Guyencourt he was awarded the Victoria Cross. He commanded the Regiment from 15 Dec 1932 until 20 Jul 1940. He was Honorary Colonel of the Regiment from 14 July 1958 until June 1966.

Brigadier General Harvey will assist in the various ceremonies that will re-establish the regiment in Calgary.

Regimental History

EARLY HISTORY AND THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR. The regiment had its origin following the North West Rebellion in 1885 when the School of Mounted Infantry was established. In 1891, the name was changed to "Canadian Mounted Rifle Corps" and the following year it amalgamated with the Canadian Dragoons. The South African War saw this troop join with A Squadron from Toronto, to form the nucleus of the First Canadian Mounted Rifles, Special Service Force. This unit was dispatched to South Africa in 1899 and after a rigorous campaign it returned to Canada in 1901. Two years later the unit became known as the "Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles".

In January 1900, an offer was received from Lord Strathcona to recruit equip and send to South Africa at his own expense a mounted unit to be raised in Western Canada. This offer was accepted, and Lt Col S. B. Steele of the Royal North West Mounted Police was appointed to command the unit known as "Strathcona's Horse." The Regiment sailed from Halifax on 17 Mar 1900 and returned via England in January 1901. King Edward VII inspected the Regiment and presented a King's Colour and during the Regiment's stopover in England, Sgt A. H. L. Richardson was presented with the Victoria Cross which he had won on 5 July 1900 during the fighting in South Africa.

Lord Strathcona's Corps was disbanded in 1901; but in 1909 the name was revived as a permanent unit. To accomplish this, the Royal Canadian Mounted Rifles were renamed "Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)." In 1911, the prefix "Lord" was authorized.

FIRST WORLD WAR 1914-1918. The Regiment was mobilized in September 1914 and sailed to England in October and thence to France in May 1915. It served until the Armistice, as infantry with the 1st Canadian Division in 1915, and subsequently as a mounted regiment in the Canadian Cavalry Brigade with the British Cavalry Corps. Two VC's were won by members of the Regiment Lt F. M. W. Harvey, on 27 March 1917, and Lt G. M. Flowerdew, on 30 March 1918. Lt Flowerdew's VC was won posthumously in an action at Moreuil Wood. This battle is commemorated by the Regiment each year on "Moreuil Wood Day."

SECOND WORLD WAR 1939-1945. The Regiment was placed on active service on 1 September 1939. In July 1940, Headquarters and one Squadron were mobilized together with Headquarters and one Squadron of the Royal Canadian Dragoons to form the 1st Canadian Motorcycle Regiment RCD/LSH(RC). On 21 September 1940, the components of the Motorcycle Regiment reverted to their original designations and Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) subsequently became a unit of the Canadian Armoured Corps. As the 2nd Armoured Regiment — Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) — the unit was dispatched to England in November 1941 and in November 1943 to Italy, where it fought in the 5th Armoured Brigade, 5th Canadian Armoured Division. In February 1945, the Regiment moved to North-West Europe where it was in action until the end of the war. The Regiment returned to Canada in January 1946.

KOREAN WAR AND UNITED NATIONS SERVICE. C, B and A Squadrons of the Regiment served successively in Korea from May 1951 to May 1954. D Squadron (formed on 29 Feb 1952) served in Germany from November 1953 to November 1955. The Regiment's Reconnaissance Squadron served in Germany from 1957 to 1959. In March 1957, a half squadron was provided from the Regiment and a half squadron from the RCD to form 56 Canadian Reconnaissance Squadron to serve as the first armoured unit with United Nations Emergency Force in Egypt. Two reconnaissance squadrons served in Egypt from 1961 to 1962 and 1963 to 1964 respectively. In October 1964, a reconnaissance squadron was provided for peace keeping duties in Cyprus.

The Regiment moved to Europe in December 1965 to replace the Fort Garry Horse as the armoured regiment in the 4 CMBG as a unit of the NATO force. It was stationed in Fort Beausejour, Iserlohn, the Federal Republic of Germany.

On the 15th of June 1970, due to the re-organization of the Canadian Armed Forces, The Fort Garry Horse in Calgary were removed from the Canadian Army Order of Battle, Regular, and were rebadged as Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) The Regiment in Europe rebadged to the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Special anniversaries observed by the Regiment are:

Moreuil Wood Day - 30 March. This is celebrated to commemorate all those members of the Regiment who have fallen in the service of our country. It is celebrated on or as near as practicable 30 March.

Strathcona Day - 26 May. This is celebrated to both commemorate the Battle of the Melfa River (Italy) and as a Regimental birthday.

The History of the Guidon

The word GUIDON is derived from the French "Gayd'homme" or guideman and is the banner carried by the leader of a cavalry formation.

Since soldiering began, some form of distinctive banner was required to keep a formation together in battle. Each unit had its own banner and they were clearly defined in colour and size. Although we use the term "colours" to describe these symbols, it is more accurate to speak of Standards and Guidons for cavalry regiments, as "colours" are carried by the infantry.

In either case, they represent a sacred symbol of a "Soldier's duty to his Sovereign and to his Regiment."

In more modern times the use of a Guidon for a rallying point was not necessary; however, the practice of displaying the unit's achievements on the Guidon still remains for parades and inspections.

The Guidon is made of crimson silk damask, embroidered and fringed with gold tassel; it measures 2 feet 3 inches by 3 feet 5 inches to the points of the swallow tails. It is carried on a pike 7 feet 4 inches long and topped by a gold crown; from it hang cords and tassels of mixed crimson silk and gold cord.

The Guidon bears on both sides the title of the Regiment, the White Horse of Hanover, unit designation and the Battle Honours. Units that have more than nine distinctive engagements to commemorate are allowed laurel branches or wreaths to circle the centre title.

The Regiment's battle honours total twenty nine, beginning with the South African War, through the first and second World Wars to Korea. Twenty two battle honours are emblazoned on the Guidon and they are equally numbered on both sides.

The Strathcona's first Guidon was presented by His Excellency the Governor General of Canada, the Rt. Hon. the Earl of Bessborough G.C.M.G., P.C. at the Calgary Armouries on 17 September 1932. It is worth noting that before this time the Regiment had no GUIDON and in its place was the King's Colour presented by His Majesty King Edward VII in London, England, February 1901, for service rendered to "King and Country" during the Boer War. The presentation of a King's Colour to a Cavalry Regiment is a great honour and the original colour is now displayed in the Regimental Museum. Though tattered from age it is a much treasured possession of this Regiment.



Battle Honours

South Africa, 1900-1901

FIRST WORLD WAR: Festubert, 1915, Somme, 1916, '18, Brazentin, Pozieres, Flers-Courcelette, Cambrai, 1917, '18, St. Quentin, Amiens, Hindenburg Line, St. Quentin Canal, Beaufort, Pursuit to Mons, France and Flanders, 1915-18.

SECOND WORLD WAR: Liri Valley, Melfa Crossing, Torrice Crossroads, Gothic Line, Pozzo Alto Ridge, Coriano, Lamone Crossing, Misano Ridge, Casale, Naviglio Canal, Fosso Munio, Italy, 1944-1945, Ijsselmeer, North West Europe, 1945.

Korea 1951 - 1953

(Battle Honours approved for emblazonment are in heavy type)

The King's Colour



TROOPING OF THE GUIDON

ORDER OF CEREMONY

MUSIC

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| 1. The Regiment marches on parade | |
| 2. The Guidon is taken on parade | Soldiers of the Queen |
| 3. Lieutenant-Governor Grant MacEwan arrives | |
| 4. Royal Salute | |
| 5. The Regiment is inspected | Inspection Music |
| 6. The Guidon is trooped | Scipio |
| 7. The Regiment marches past in quick time | Soldiers of the Queen |
| 8. The Regiment advances in review order | British Grenadiers |
| 9. Royal Salute | |
| 10. Lieutenant-Governor Grant MacEwan addresses the Regiment | |
| 11. The Regiment will mount their vehicles | |
| 12. The Regiment drives past | My Boy Willie
Soldiers of the Queen |
| 13. Lieutenant-Governor Grant MacEwan departs | |

INSTRUCTIONS TO SPECTATORS

Spectators stand. Those in uniform salute as the Guidon passes their front.

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Spectators stand until the Inspecting Officer has departed from the parade area.

Former Commanding Officers

Lt Col SB Steele, CB, MVO, ADC - South Africa and 1 Apr 10 - 1 Apr 12
 Lt Col AC MacDonnel, DSO - 1 Apr 12 - 23 Dec 15
 Lt Col JA Hesketh, DSO - 21 May 16 - 28 Sep 17
 Lt Col M Docherty, DSO - 8 Nov 17 - 1 Dec 17 (Killed in Action)
 Lt Col DJ MacDonald, CBE, DSO, MC - 7 Aug 19 - 1 Sep 24 and 2 Dec 11 - 28 Nov 18
 Lt Col PE Connolly, DSO - 1 Sep 24 - 1 Oct 29
 Lt Col LF Page, DSO - 1 Oct 29 - 1 Feb 35
 Lt Col CW Devey - 1 Feb 35 - 15 Dec 38
 Lt Col FMW Harvey, VC, MC - 15 Dec 38 - 20 Jul 40
 Lt Col NA Gianelli - 20 Jul 40 - 27 Sep 42
 Lt Col PG Griffin, DSO - 3 Oct 42 - 25 Jul 44
 Lt Col JM McAvity, DSO, MBE - 27 Jul 44 - 28 Nov 45
 Lt Col FE White, DSO - 28 Nov 45 - 4 Oct 46
 Lt Col AG Chubb, DSO - 25 Jul 47 - 22 May 51
 Lt Col DND Deane-Freeman, CD - 22 May 51 - 17 May 54
 Lt Col RJ Graham, DSO, CD - 17 May 54 - 23 Aug 56
 Lt Col CA Greenleaf, MC, CD - 23 Aug 56 - 5 Sep 58
 Lt Col GR Hale, DSO, CD - 5 Sep 58 - 28 Jun 61
 Lt Col I MacD Grant, DSO, CD - 0 Aug 61 - 3 Nov 64
 Lt Col WJ Brown, CD - 4 Nov 64 - 31 Jul 66
 Lt Col PA Neatby, CD - 01 Aug 66 - 31 Jul 68
 LCol JAR Gutknecht, CD - 01 Aug 68 - 14 Jun 70

Former Regimental Sergeant Majors

RSM EJ Steele - 1901 - 1902
 RSM J Hynes - 1902
 RSM JC Page - 1902 - 31 Mar 1903
 RSM J Graham CMR - 1 Apr 1903 - 14 Aug 1903
 RSM JR Sparks - 15 Aug 03 - 11 Sep 09
 RSM M Docherty - 12 Sep 09 - 12 Jan 14
 RSM CE Connolly - 19 Aug 14 - 13 Sep 14, 16 Mar 15 - 1 Aug 15
 RSM FC Rush - 14 Sep 14 - 18 Sep 14
 RSM F Tomkins - 19 Sep 14 - 15 Mar 15
 RSM CG Brown - 23 Jun 16 - 16 Mar 17
 RSM RJ Brown - 17 Mar 17 - 25 Apr 17
 RSM GWT Marsden - 26 Apr 17 - 15 Nov 17
 RSM A McCorquodale DCM - 12 Dec 17 - 8 Apr 18
 RSM JS Price, DCM, MM - 4 Apr 18 - 15 May 18
 RSM JW Tuckett - 16 May 18 - 20 Feb 19
 RSM W Stilmell - 21 Feb 19 - 16 Jun 20
 RSM RC Richmond, MC - 16 Jun 20 - 18 Jul 26
 RSM HR Henry - 19 Jul 26 - 21 Nov 32
 RSM C Fallas - 22 Nov 32 - 8 Jan 40
 RSM D Carmichael - 18 May 40 - 18 Aug 40
 RSM AE Vince - 29 Aug 40 - 17 Aug 42
 RSM S Heinrich, MBE - 18 Aug 42 - 17 Jul 50
 RSM LW McCullough - 18 Jul 50 - 22 Apr 51
 RSM R Cuniffe - 23 Apr 51 - 28 May 53
 RSM DE MacDonald - 29 May 53 - 6 Jan 56
 RSM EG Gaunt - 7 Jan 56 - 14 Mar 60
 RSM WC May - 15 Mar 60 - 1 Oct 63
 RSM DF Eveleigh, BEM, CD - 2 Oct 63 - 12 Dec 64
 RSM TN Wertypora, CD - 13 Dec 64 - 31 Aug 66
 RSM JP Searle - 01 Sep 66 - 27 Jul 68
 RSM NA Pierce - 28 Jul 68 - 18 Dec 68
 RSM HS Graham - 15 Mar 69 - 14 Jun 70

ON PARADE

Commanding Officer
Lieutenant-Colonel R. O. Conover, CD

Deputy Commanding Officer
Major I. D. MacKay, CD

Adjutant
Captain F. G. Woodrow

Regimental Sergeant Major
Chief Warrant Officer R. J. Slaney, CD

THE GUIDON PARTY

Dismounted
Master Warrant Officer C. H. Y. Dowling, CD
Warant Officer G. E. Martin, CD
Warrant Officer J. Remington, CD

Mounted
Warrant Officer D. H. Cathcart, CD
Sergeant G. G. Gardner, CD
Sergeant L. D. Nichols, CD

A Squadron	B Squadron
Major A. S. Henry, CD	Major R. W. Christensen
Capt W. H. Logan	Captain J. A. MacDonald
Capt C. F. Edward-Collins	Captain N. A. Nickles
Lieutenant W. A. Lean	Lieutenant N. B. Jefferies
Lieutenant V. P. Guy	Lieutenant J. D. Rodriques
Lieutenant C. B. Murch	Lieutenant L. R. MacCartney
Master Warrant Officer A. H. Kaatz, CD	Master Warrant Officer R. C. Barwise, CD

C Squadron
Major C. W. Hale
Captain R. N. Lawrence
Captain M. C. Jordaan
Lieutenant J. S. Wrigglesworth
Lieutenant R. G. Johnston
Lieutenant R. D. Webster
Warant Officer J. D. Larkin, CD

HQ Squadron
Major C. A. Conway, CD
Captain H. A. Reid
Captain F. R. Thomas
Captain W. J. Lefresne
Capt. D. A. Watkins
Capt D. P. Hammer
Capt R. S. Bell
Master Warrant Officer W. F. Brooks, CD

Aides
Lt L. K. Barsauskas
Lt H. W. Mohr
Lt R. T. Ellis
Lt D. L. Corkum

Officer Commanding The Mounted Escort
Captain D. G. Baird

The Band of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry
Under
Chief Warrant Officer P. Murray, CD

The Drum and Bugle Band of the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians)
Under
Warrant Officer A. J. Langon, CD

The Band of The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment
under Bandmaster Hibbs

The City of Calgary Parade

THE CEREMONY

The Regiment will form up in line, the Guidon will be uncased and marched on parade.

Upon the arrival of his worship, Mayor R. Sykes, the Regiment will present arms. His worship, the Mayor will inspect the Regiment. The Commanding Officer will reply to the address and will present a memento to the Mayor from all ranks of the Regiment.

The Mayor will depart for the saluting base in front of City Hall.

The Regiment will march past and will then mount their vehicles and drive past.

Spectators are respectfully requested to proceed to the City Hall to observe the march past and drive past.

This parade will mark the first occasion the new Guidon of the Strathcona's will be paraded through the City of Calgary.

All Ranks Dinner

29 September 1970

TOMATO JUICE COCKTAIL

T-BONE A LA CHATEAUBRIAND

CHAMPIGNON MAITRE D' HOTEL

BAKED POTATOES W/SOUR CREAM

CHERRY TOMATOES

MINTED GREEN PEAS

RELISH TRAYS

CHEF'S SALAD

DINNER ROLLS

ICE CREAM W/WAFFERS

CHEESE TRAYS

COFFEE

The Allied Regiment



Officially the affiliation between the Strathcona's and the 17/21st Lancers dates from 1925. However, the very origin of the 17th Lancers provides links with Canada. In 1759, the news of the death of Wolfe at Quebec was brought to King George II by his close friend Colonel John Hale (direct ancestor of Maj CR Hale, a recent 17/21st exchange officer with the Regt). He was instructed to raise a regiment of light dragoons in memory of the death of his heroic friend in Canada. For the same reason he chose as the Regiment's badge the famous "Death of Glory" motto.

The Strathconas and the Lancers came to know one another in the South African War, and again when in the same area on the Western Front in 1918. General Sir B. D. Fisher, a squadron leader at the time, wrote recently: "We in the 17th, were always glad to have the Strathcona's near us when we were in a sticky place." After the Great War, links between home and dominion regiments were encouraged, in part to assist in the great human problem of the resettlement of wounded and unemployed ex-servicemen. The initial moves were made by Lt Col C. E. Conolly (LdSH) and Lt Col Melvill (17/21 L) and approved by King George V. The liaison was cemented by the attachment of Capt Gianelli to 17/21st, and by the many visits of a distinguished former 17/21st Lancer, Lord Haig, to Calgary.

During the last war contacts between Regiments were made by all ranks while the Strathcona's were in England. In the '50's the regular exchange of officers between the two regiments was reinstituted. In Europe, 1965-69, the relationship had been particularly happy and close with the two regiments only sixty miles apart.

In 1959 the Strathcona's were honoured to provide a troop to represent the Regiment at the 17/21st Lancers bicentenary parade, when they received their new Guidon. Today we are proud to acknowledge the continuing warmth of this relationship, shown by the presence of the 17/21st Lancers' Exchange Officer, Captain Edward-Collins, on parade with the Regiment.

